

# WEEKLY DENTAL UPDATE



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#### PASSING OF CAPT CHARLES “CHUCK” SPANN DC, USN (RET)

Shipmates, it is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Captain Charles “Chuck” Earl Spann, DC, USN (ret).

On 20 August, 2020 Charles "Chuck" Earl Spann, CAPT, Dental Corps, U.S Navy, Retired, ended his earthly path and his spirit has rejoined with his Creator. Chuck came from a family with a strong naval tradition that included great uncle Luther Knight, USN serving in the China Fleet during WWI and a father with a 30 year career as a Naval Dental Officer serving on four ships during World War II, the Korean and Vietnamese Wars. Chuck started his dental career in the Navy while attending the University of Texas Dental Branch under the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). He graduated in 1972 with a DDS and served in a variety of assignments: two Naval Hospitals, USS Bryce Canyon and USS Sierra, Comprehensive Dentistry Residency, and commanded the 2nd Dental Company and 3rd Dental Battalion. As a member of Dental Healthcare Operations at BUMED, he spearheaded the Dental Metrics initiative that quantified and optimized dental support globally.



Upon retiring, Chuck and Sue settled in the Tidewater area. Chuck continued his service to the community as a Master Gardener, Emeritus, a horticultural educator with Virginia Tech, and a founder of a local beekeeper association. He is survived by his loving wife, Sue, of more than 53 years, two sons, Alex and Kris, two daughter-in-laws, Janine and Heather and one grandson Gabe. Alex and Janine, reside in Charleston, S.C., and Kris, Heather and their son, Gabe, live in Suffolk, Virginia.

*Rest in Peace Captain Spann.*

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